

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

by the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9 (WTR-5)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

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DATE: November 2, 2007

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (USEPA), is issuing a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The USEPA is proposing to issue a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to:

Tasi Tours and Transportation, Inc.
P.O. Box 501023
Saipan, MP 96950

The NPDES Permit No. MP0020371 is for the proposed discharge of the recently upgraded, existing Managaha Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), located in Managaha Island, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The facility will serve an estimated population of 1,050, receiving only domestic sewage with a design flow of 0.005 million gallons per day. Plant upgrade and renovations were completed in the spring of 2007. The WWTP will provide secondary treatment, and consists of an aerated activated sludge process with flocculation, settling and disinfection. Final treated effluent will be discharged to a nearby leach field located approximately 150 feet inward of the shoreline on the west of Managaha Island. The leach field, herein designated as Serial Discharge No. 001, is hydrologically connected to nearby lagoon waters by Tanapag Harbor of the Philippine Sea, to Class AA receiving coastal and marine waters surrounding Saipan, a water of the U.S. Any sampling and monitoring under the proposed permit shall be performed at Outfall No. 001.

The Administrative Record, including the permit application, draft permit, fact sheet, comments received (if any), and other relevant documents sent by the applicant for the permit, is available for review and may be obtained by calling or writing the contact listed below. Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period to contact listed below. All comments or objections received within 30 days from the date of this notice will be retained and considered in the formulation of the final determinations regarding the permit.

Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. If no comments are submitted on the draft permit, the final permit will become effective three (3) days from the date of mailing. If comments are submitted on the draft permit, the final permit will become effective 33 days from the date of mailing, unless a petition is filed with the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) to review any conditions of the final permit. Persons filing a request for review must have filed comments on the draft permit or participated in a public hearing.

When public interest warrants, USEPA may schedule a public hearing or may grant an extension of the comment period for the submittal of comments or objections.

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